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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS  
(ASCOT)  
of  
THE ARIZONA STATE PARKS BOARD

Notice is hereby given pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-511.22 to members of the Arizona State Committee On Trails (ASCOT) and the general public that the ASCOT will hold a meeting open to the public on **Friday, March 2, 2012, at Central Arizona Project (Building 2, Room 10), 23636 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street, in Phoenix, AZ beginning at 10 am.** Attendance at this meeting is available via teleconference by calling **1.877.820.7831** and entering the participant passcode **613038**. Items on the Agenda may be discussed out of order, unless they have been specifically set for a time certain. Public comment will be taken. The Committee will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

AGENDA

(The Chair reserves the right to set the order of the agenda.)

- A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
- B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF
- C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC – Consideration and acknowledgment of comments and suggestions from the public. Those wishing to address the Committee must be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization and the time allotted by the Chair. Action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration at a later time.
- D. ASCOT ACTION ITEMS
  - 1. Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2011 meeting.
  - 2. ASCOT Will Consider the Recommendation from the Membership Committee to Move Lisa Marie GerdI From A Trail User Group Position to A Citizen-At-Large Position – Ms. GerdI has terminated her association with the Take A Hike hiking group and has requested to continue serving on ASCOT as a citizen-at-large.
  - 3. ASCOT Will Consider the Recommendation from Membership Committee for New ASCOT Members and Make a Recommendation to the State Parks Board. – The ASCOT Membership Subcommittee met and reviewed nine applications to fill vacant positions on ASCOT. They selected five qualified applicants to be considered by the whole of ASCOT

for recommendation to the State Parks Board for appointment to ASCOT to serve 3-year terms beginning immediately upon approval and continuing through December 31, 2015.

4. **ASCOT Will Review the Recommendations of the Trails Nomination Subcommittee for Trails to be Included in the State Trails System and Approve a Recommendation to be Forwarded to the State Parks Board for Final Approval.** – The Committee may also discuss the process for announcing and accepting new trails in 2012.
  5. **Staff Will Ask for Suggestions from ASCOT Concerning a Competitive Grant Program for Trail Projects Using Federal Recreational Trails Program Funds.** – Staff is considering offering Recreational Trails Program funds for new trail and facilities construction in addition to the ongoing trail maintenance program.
  6. **Update on 2013 International Trails Symposium.** – The Committee will hear from members involved in the planning for the ITS and may discuss actions ASCOT can take to promote and facilitate the ITS.
  7. **Member Roundtable.** – The Committee members will share trail planning, projects and activities that they are involved with to learn about trail happenings around the state.
- E. **TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS AND CALL FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS** – The Committee will discuss the schedule for future meetings and specifically the items to be considered for the April meeting.

Friday, April 6, 2012 in Phoenix at site to be determined.

F. **ADJOURNMENT**

A copy of this agenda and any background material provided to the ASCOT is available for public inspection at Arizona State Parks, Partnerships Division 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, Arizona and on the State Parks website at <http://azstateparks.com/committees/ASCOT.html>.

For additional information, contact Robert Baldwin at (602) 542-7130.

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Jay Ziemann, Assistant Director  
Partnerships Division, Arizona State Parks

Posted at: Arizona State Parks  
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And at: <http://azstateparks.com/committees/ASCOT.htm>

CAP's Address is 23636 N 7<sup>th</sup> St Phoenix Az 85024. We are a couple miles north of the Loop 101 on the west side of 7<sup>th</sup> Street. All visitors must sign in at the main building. Our meeting will be in bldg 2 in conference room 10. We'll have some signs showing the way.

Tom Fitzgerald Central Arizona Project Lands Administrator 623-869-2209



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
ARIZONA STATE COMMITTEE ON TRAILS  
(ASCOT)  
OF  
ARIZONA STATE PARKS  
Meeting of October 12, 2011  
Arizona State Parks  
1300 West Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona**

**A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Kent Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

ASCOT Members Present:

Ryan Domsalla  
Tom Fitzgerald  
Bill Gibson  
Dan Gronseth  
Nick Lund  
Anna Pfender  
Phyllis Ralley  
Linda Slay  
Kent Taylor  
Bruce Weidenhamer  
Loren Worthington

ASCOT Members Absent:

Lisa Gerdl  
Reba Grandrud  
Matt Kalina

Arizona State Parks Staff Present:

Jay Ziemann, Assistant Director,  
ASP  
Robert Baldwin, Grants  
Coordinator

## **ACTION ITEMS**

**1. The ASCOT will discuss and analyze a Matrix of Advisory Committees' Roles and Responsibilities along with a Decision Flowchart model for Evaluating Agencies, Boards, Commissions, which has been adopted by the Governor's Commission of Privatization and Efficiency (COPE), in order to self-apply the COPE adopted criteria/flowchart to the ASCOT and forward their analysis to the Arizona State Parks Board.**

Jay Ziemann provided background as to the purpose of the meeting and why ASCOT is discussing this particular topic and flowchart.

Mr. Ziemann explained that this issue dates back to January 2010 when Governor Brewer signed Executive Order 2010-10 that established the Arizona Commission of Privatization and Efficiency (COPE). The Initial report by COPE came out in September 2010. State Parks was mentioned very prominently in that report, and in this initial report COPE sought to have the State Parks system largely privatized. The final report of COPE was due by the end of December 2010. When the initial report came out, State Parks was able to finally voice their concerns about the legality of what COPE was initially proposing. The final report was delayed until June 2011. Arizona State Parks was essentially not mentioned at all in the final report. The only place of the final report where Parks was at least peripherally affected was Recommendation #4 – Elimination, Merger, Efficiency Review or Privatization of Agencies, Boards or Commissions.

COPE did a preliminary study of over 75 state agencies and made recommendations for their elimination, merger, efficiency review or privatization and they put that in to a "Table 5". However, "Table 5" was never published, and nobody can find "Table 5".

At the June 2011 Board meeting, one of the Board members suggested that it might be a prudent thing to look at the ten advisory committees that serve the Arizona State Parks Board to see if all of their stated purposes still exist and whether in fact it is still a good use of state resources, both monetary and staff wise, to continue to have ten advisory committees. Rather than have the Board make decisions in a vacuum without telling anyone, they asked staff to meet with all of the advisory committees and have a discussion that follows the Decision Flowchart for Evaluating Boards, Commissions and Advisory Committees that was provided to everyone via email. The Decision Flowchart that was originally crafted in



the state of Virginia was adopted into the COPE report. The Board asked that each of the advisory groups run themselves through the Decision Flowchart that consists of seven questions and do a self-assessment.

Mr. Ziemann stated that staff had already met with a couple of the committees. He added that a vote was not necessary and that this could be done on a general consensus of the group. Staff will compile the comments and feedback from the committees and present them to the Board at their November meeting, which will be held on November 30<sup>th</sup> at the Apache Junction City Council Chambers. He suggested that ASCOT send a representative to the meeting in case there are any questions before the Board.

The Committee proceeded to answering the questions on the Decision Flowchart.

Chair Taylor read the response that was already provided under question

1. Why was ASCOT established? (Purpose).

- Board Action Est. 1972, amended Purpose: - Advise Board on trails matters,
- Further the development of a network of trails throughout the state,
- Recommend grants from non-motorized funds,
- Serve as a non-motorized committee for federal Recreation Trails Program purposes

Chair Taylor continued:

1a. Does "Purpose" still exist?

It was the general consensus of the committee that "yes" the purpose still exists.

Bruce Weindenhamer followed up that in order for the state to accept federal trails grants, there has to be an advisory or independent review of those trails grants and he believed that also was one of the specific reasons ASCOT was created. He added that for a purpose standpoint that is an absolute requirement that still exists.

Nick Lund referred to one of the purposes stated in question 1. "Further the development of a network or trails throughout the state". He stated that he did not know of any other entity in the state that is looking from a



complete statewide perspective at the development of a network of trails throughout the state, from a non-motorized standpoint, other than ASCOT.

It was also pointed out that ASCOT also provides on-going training.

## 2. Can the ASCOT demonstrate effectiveness?

The committee members voiced their opinions that ASCOT demonstrates effectiveness in the following comments:

The point regarding the on-going training was emphasized in this response. ASCOT just partnered with the Arizona Trails Association and provided a trails workshop to about 45 attendees from all over the state. The workshop focused on the economic benefits of trails and how to effectively connect communities with trails.

Linda Slay stated that this year ASCOT would be considering state trail system nominations, which is one of the mandates of ASCOT. There are about fifteen trails being nominated this year. Ms. Slay added that if one of the mandates of ASCOT is to promote the state trails systems, then that is also a way they are effective in carrying out the ASCOT mission.

Another function that ASCOT serves is the oversight of trails designation, which is a requirement in order for trails to be eligible to receive Heritage Fund grants.

Tom Fitzgerald followed up that Arizona has greatly benefited over the years from the Heritage Trails Program and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP). In response to Mr. Fitzgerald's question, Bob Baldwin stated that the Heritage Fund contributed \$500,000 per year since the early 90's and the RTP fund has been adding about \$600,000 a year since about 2003 or 2004.

Bill Gibson added that the benefit could also be expressed in terms of the number of miles of trails that have been built and maintained. Mr. Baldwin, responded however, that kind of information has not been tracked and the actual number of miles noted in the grant applications versus what actually is completed is not always the same. Therefore, it would not be accurate information to present. Mr. Ziemann stated though, that clearly it could be demonstrated that ASCOT is effective.



It was also pointed out how successful those programs have been and that statewide agencies have benefitted from them not just individual or federal or local.

Another demonstration of effectiveness is Tom Fitzgerald's success through the work that ASCOT put forth in bringing the National Trails Symposium to Arizona in 1998 and the one coming up in 2013. This will make a huge impact to Arizona's economy.

Chair Taylor added that a couple of years ago ASCOT was instrumental in creating probably the most popular map that Arizona State Parks has ever produced, a historical trails map.

### 3. Is the State's involvement critical?

It was the general consensus of the committee that "yes" the State's involvement is critical.

A comment was made that if you look at the economic benefits of trails to the entire state and the rural communities and major metropolitan areas, the numbers are very impressive. ASCOT is the key representative in the state in bringing a lot of that together.

Ms. Slay added that without the state's involvement there would not be the availability of RTP funds to be dispensed or Heritage Funds when they existed.

In response to a comment made regarding the availability of existing Heritage Funds for grants, Mr. Ziemann clarified that the only existing Heritage Funds are for the Game and Fish Department. He went on to explain that the Heritage Funds for Arizona State Parks are gone.

Mr. Fitzgerald stated the amount of staff time required to work with ASCOT is not a lot and is definitely worth it and State Parks gets a lot of bang for their buck. ASCOT has also demonstrated that they do not necessarily need a staff person to attend all of their meetings and take minutes.

Mr. Baldwin added that question 3. sort of addresses that issue. He asked could ASCOT perform all of these functions without any state involvement? The state would cooperate, but without the direction, supervision or staff time? Could ASCOT operate as its own stand-alone entity, non-profit or foundation or something of that sort?





In response, it was pointed out that where the federal grants are concerned, ASCOT would probably have to be associated with the state agency that are issuing them.

Mr. Baldwin explained that State Parks has to convene a committee of users representing all of the different user types such as motorized, non-motorized, equestrians, hikers, bikers, and ATV's. Therefore, it certainly makes it easier for staff to simply bring ASCOT and OHVAG together. Other than that, it would staff to recruit representatives from those clubs or groups.

It was also brought out that the state's involvement adds a great deal to the development of statewide trails systems. When various entities apply for designation as part of the Arizona State Trails System, it carries a significant meaning to local communities.

3a. Is the ASCOT duplicative?

The Committee members all agreed the answer is "no", because there is no other committee that does what ASCOT does from a non-motorized standpoint.

3b. Does the ASCOT meet regularly?

The Committee members all agreed the answer is "yes". ASCOT meets both as a group and as a sub-committee.

4. Does the ASCOT reflect the priorities of the Board?

The Committee members all agreed that the answer is "yes".

ASCOT produces a statewide trails plan every five years, which is approved by the Arizona State Parks Board. The plan reflects what the public wants. The decisions that ASCOT makes are directly tied to that trails plan.

Mr. Weindenhamer commented that when you look at the amount of tourism effort that goes into promoting trails and the use of trails both at the city and regional levels, it points to the fact that there is a priority in Arizona because of the economic benefits from those trails.

5. Can the ASCOT be efficiently and effectively filled?

The Committee members all agreed the answer is "yes". It was also noted that ASCOT has been streamlined in order to make sure that happens.

Mr. Baldwin was asked to comment on the side note on question 5. "efficiently= staff time required to research and appoint positions.

Mr. Baldwin stated that he has not been that involved in the last couple of years.

Staff compiles and files the applications, but ASCOT has a sub-committee that makes those recommendations to the Board and does the specific outreach. Therefore, staff does not have to spend the time researching and reviewing.

6. Does the ASCOT reflect or mirror the Board?

In response the Committee's request for clarification of this question, Mr. Ziemann explained that this question doesn't exactly apply and it is a result of trying to take a flowchart from Virginia and trying to make it apply to Arizona. He added that this question is probably identical to question 4. He asked the Committee, "In other words, are your priorities reflecting the priorities of the State Parks Board in the state?" He stated that he didn't think there was any question of that.

The Committee all agreed that they could all make the assumption safely, that "yes" ASCOT reflects the priorities of the Board and they are not just rubber stamping them.

7. Does the ASCOT provide effective advice to the Board?

The Committee all agreed that they not only provide effective, but also sound advice to the Board. Current trails efforts stimulate the economy.

Mr. Ziemann thanked the group for their input and stated that their comments will be compiled and forwarded to the State Parks Board in November for their consideration.

In response to Chair Taylor's question regarding appointments to the committee, Mr. Ziemann explained that the Board has asked all the appointments to the committees that they directly appoint be delayed until they have a chance to have this discussion. He further explained that if a committee existed, for example, whose sole function is to recommend

Heritage Fund grants, and there is no longer a need for that group to meet, then it doesn't make sense to continue making appointments to that group. So, the Board has asked to put appointments to committees off until early next year.

In response to another question, Mr. Ziemann suggested that they should continue to hold their meetings as they usually do.

Chair Kent in response to a question as to whether early next year would be too late for ASCOT to recruit for members, he stated that he did not think it would be too late and that they could recruit at any time. He pointed out that there are several members whose terms are up and he is hopeful they will continue with ASCOT through the recruitment process.

**C. CALL TO THE PUBLIC:** There were no responses to the call to the public.

**D. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS, MATTERS OF ASCOT  
PROCEDURE REQUESTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE EVENTS:**

**E. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was declared adjourned by Chair Taylor at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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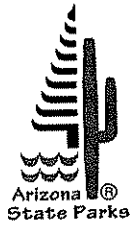
Doris Pulsifer, Chief of Resources & Public Programs



Minutes of ASCOT  
October 12, 2011

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**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report  
Agenda Item #D2:**



Title: **Consider Moving Lisa Marie GerdI To A Citizen-At-Large Position**  
Staff Lead: Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator  
Date: March 2, 2012

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**Recommended Motion:** I move to recommend that Lisa Marie GerdI be moved to the vacant citizen-at-large position for the remainder of her term on ASCOT and that this recommendation be presented to the Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) for final approval.

**Status to Date:**

Early in 2011 Daye Halling resigned from his citizen-at-large position on ASCOT. The term for his position ended on December 31, 2011. Lisa Marie GerdI has terminated her association with Take A Hike and would like to continue serving on ASCOT as a citizen-at-large. Ms. GerdI's current position on ASCOT as member of a trail user organization expires on December 31, 2012.

There is no known president for this action. Ms. GerdI has been an active member of ASCOT and has regularly attended meetings and participated in events and on subcommittees. This action would move one of the citizen-at-large positions back one year in the rotation and evenly distribute the citizen-at-large positions with two openings in the current and next year and one in the third year. There would have been three openings this year and only one in each of the next two years.

**Time Frame:**

The appointment would be effective upon approval by ASCOT and continue through December 31, 2012.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** No additional staff or financial impacts are anticipated.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Goal: Planning: To document our progress through planning, analysis and research.  
Objective A: By collecting scientific and historical data on natural and cultural resources to better inform decision-making.

**Relevant Past Board Actions:**

On November 17, 2010, the Board approved to appoint Ryan Domsalla, Bill Gibson, Daniel Gronseth, Phyllis Ralley and Linda Slay to three-year terms; Loren Worthington to a two-year term; and Matt Kalina to a one-year term beginning January 1, 2011.

**Minutes from Membership Subcommittee meeting February 16, 2012:**

Attendees: citizens: Keller, Cox  
Committee: Taylor, Fitzgerald, Ralley, Domsalla, no staff on call  
Taylor called to order at 6:00 p.m. and did a roll call

**Item 1**

Motion to mover GerdI to citizen-at-large from trail user group member  
Approved unanimously

**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report**  
**Agenda Item #D2:**

**Item 2**

Agency nominee - Rogers

Ralley moved, Fitzgerald seconded, vote unanimous

**Item 3**

User group nominees - Arndt, Kesselman

Fitzgerald moved, Ralley seconded, vote unanimous

**Item 4**

Discussion of an excess of applications for citizen-at-large

Tom explained we are late with this process due to the Governor's review process, so there will be another nominations round this fall.

Citizen-at-large nominees: Cox and Keller

Fitzgerald moves, Ralley seconds, vote unanimous

Recommendations will go to the full ASCOT committee for approval (March 2) to send to the State Parks Board meeting (Mar 16 or 17?) for final approval.

Kent congratulated both and pointed out that the pool of candidates was the best ever. He will send a communication inviting them to re-apply in the fall.

First ASCOT meeting for the new members is first Friday in April with OVHAG in Phoenix area.

Tom moved to adjourn, Ryan seconded. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Phyllis Ralley

**Attachments:**

NONE

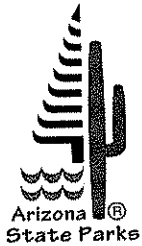
| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Aye</b>               | <b>Nay</b>               | <b>Absent</b>            | <b>Abstain</b>           | <b>Comments</b> |
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Approve ☐      Deny ☐      Amend ☐

Amend as follows:

**Committee Questions/Comments:**

**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report  
Agenda Item #D3:**



Title: **Consider Appointing Members To The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT)**  
Staff Lead: Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator  
Date: March 2, 2012

**Recommended Motion:** I move that Laddie Cox (citizen-at-large), Jackie Keller (citizen-at-large), Jarod Rogers (agency), Laurel Arndt (user group), and Richard Kesselman (user group) be recommendation to the Arizona State Parks Board to fill one vacant position and four expired positions; each to serve a 3-year term effective upon approval by the Arizona State Parks Board and continuing through December 31, 2015.

**Status to Date:**

The Arizona State Committee on Trails (ASCOT) advises the Arizona State Parks Board on planning, development, funding, maintenance and promotion of the non-motorized trails in Arizona. ASCOT membership is defined in by-laws adopted by the committee and approved by the Parks Board, and is comprised of representatives from trail user groups (up to eight), government agencies (up to eight) and citizens-at-large (up to four). Members typically serve three-year terms.

ASCOT has fifteen members. Currently there is one vacant position and four terms past expiration. Staff received nine applications. Biographical sketches along with the current membership of the committee are appended to this report.

The following summarizes the openings that exist for 2012:

Up to 2 for Citizen-at-Large  
Up to 1 for Government Agencies  
Up to 3 for Trail User Groups

The ASCOT Membership Subcommittee has reviewed the applications of the following candidates and makes this recommendation consistent with the current goals of the Committee.

| <u>Name</u>       | <u>Affiliation</u> | <u>County</u> |
|-------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Laurel Arndt      | citizen-at-large   | Maricopa      |
| Kenneth Caldwell  | citizen-at-large   | Maricopa      |
| Laddie Cox        | citizen-at-large   | Pima          |
| Jackie Keller     | citizen-at-large   | Maricopa      |
| Richard Kesselman | trail user group   | Maricopa      |
| Leslie Kland      | citizen-at-large   | Maricopa      |
| Jarod Rogers      | government agency  | Maricopa      |
| Richard Wertz     | citizen-at-large   | Yavapai       |

**Time Frame:**

Newly appointed ASCOT members will serve a 3-year term beginning immediately upon approval by the Arizona State Parks Board and continuing through December 31, 2015.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** No additional staff or financial impacts are anticipated.

**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report**  
**Agenda Item #D3:**

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

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**Attachments:**

Current ASCOT membership

Candidate Information: Laurel Arndt  
Candidate Information: Kenneth Caldwell  
Candidate Information: Laddie M. Cox  
Candidate Information: Matt Kalina  
Candidate Information: Jackie Keller  
Candidate Information: Richard Kesselman  
Candidate Information: Leslie Kland  
Candidate Information: Jarod Rogers  
Candidate Information: Richard Wertz

| Committee Members | Aye                      | Nay                      | Absent                   | Abstain                  | Comments |
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Approve ☐      Deny ☐      Amend ☐

Amend as follows:

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no staff on call



**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report  
Agenda Item #D3:**

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Tom moved to adjourn, Ryan seconded. Adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Notes submitted by Phyllis Ralley

**Committee Questions/Comments:**

**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report  
Agenda Item #D4**



Title: **State Trails System nominations to the Arizona State Parks Board for final approval**  
Staff Lead: Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator  
Date: March 2, 2012

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**Recommended Motion Part One:** I move that the following trails be recommended to the Arizona State Parks Board for inclusion into the State Trails System:

Maricopa County Regional Trail

- 13.0 east/west connection between Lake Pleasant Regional Park and I-17 near Anthem.

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**Recommended Motion Part 2**

Recommend the Monument Hill Trail for acceptance into the STS system *if* the necessary documentation could be provided prior to the State Parks board meeting where the nominations would actually be approved by the parks board.

**Status to Date:** Refer to the November 18, 2011 State Trails System Subcommittee below.

**Time Frame:** The Arizona State Parks Board will take action on March 21, 2012 on the recommendations forwarded by ASCOT regarding the inclusion of the trails into the State Trails System recommended by ASCOT.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** No additional staff or financial impacts are anticipated.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

Goal: Planning: To document our progress through planning, analysis and research.

# Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report

## Agenda Item #D4

Objective A: By collecting scientific and historical data on natural and cultural resources to better inform decision-making.

**Relevant Past ASCOT/Board Actions:**  
**Attachments:**

Part One Motion:

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Aye</b>               | <b>Nay</b>               | <b>Absent</b>            | <b>Abstain</b>           | <b>Comments</b> |
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Part Two Motion:

| <b>Committee Members</b> | <b>Aye</b>               | <b>Nay</b>               | <b>Absent</b>            | <b>Abstain</b>           | <b>Comments</b> |
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Amend as follows:

**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report**  
**Agenda Item #D4**

**Minutes from State Trails System Subcommittee meeting November 18, 2011:**  
State Trails System Nominations ("STS nominations") Subcommittee members present: Linda Slay, Phyllis Ralley, Bill Gibson, Nick Lund (telephonic), and Bruce Weidenhamer (telephonic)

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Guests: Chris Coover, Maricopa County Parks

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15 nominations were submitted and discussed as follows:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Committee Questions/Comments:**

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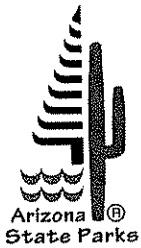
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**Arizona State Committee On Trails Action Report  
Agenda Item #D5:**



**Title:** Staff Will Ask for Suggestions from ASCOT Concerning a Competitive Grant Program for Trail Projects Using Federal Recreational Trails Program Funds

**Staff Lead:** Robert Baldwin, Grants Coordinator

**Date:** March 2, 2012

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**Recommended Motion:** No specific ASCOT action is required.

**Status to Date:**

In 2002 State Parks developed the State Parks Trail Maintenance Program and solicited for trail maintenance crews to contract with State Parks to provide trail maintenance services for agencies that manage trails. Recreational Trails Program (RTP) funds are used to pay the trails crews. At that time State Parks was receiving approximately \$500,000 per year from Heritage Fund to offer as grants for new trail projects. In 2010 the Arizona Legislature abolished the State Parks portion of the Heritage Fund.

Staff is considering offering a portion of the non-motorized funds available from the annual apportionment from the RTP for new trail and facilities construction projects and would like input from ASCOT. Under the Heritage Fund legislation only trails in the State Trail System were eligible for grant funding. That is not a requirement now but may be a consideration under the new process. Also, the Heritage Fund legislation limited the amount of funds that could be requested to twenty percent of the available funds. This is not a requirement under RTP, but could be as consideration in the new process.

RTP funds require a match of at least 6% (at least 5% must be from non-federal sources) and NEPA compliance.

**Time Frame:**

Staff is planning to offer the grants beginning around May 1, 2012. ASCOT would be asked to review applications and the staff recommendation for funding.

**Staff and Financial Resources:** No additional staff or financial impacts are anticipated.

**Relation to Strategic Plan:**

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**Objective A:** By collecting scientific and historical data on natural and cultural resources to better inform decision-making.

**Relevant Past ASCOT/Board Actions:**

NONE

**Attachments:**

NONE



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**Agenda Item #D5:**

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